

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions, with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the Persian Gulf to the east and the Red Sea to the south. The title "Iraq Weekly Status Report" is centered over the yellow area.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

**May 17, 2006**

**Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
US Department of State**



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### 1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

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### 2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

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### 3. Maliki's Cabinet Almost Complete

Negotiators report that Prime Minister-designate Nuri al-Maliki is putting final touches to his new government and may be able to announce it as early as May 20, two days ahead of a constitutional deadline. Despite signs of progress, tensions are still high after the small but influential Fadhila party announced on May 15 that it would not take part in the future cabinet. Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's movement, one of three big elements of the Shiite Alliance, has also made veiled threats of boycotting the government altogether if the Health Ministry is taken away from them.

### 4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

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### **5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy**

The Iraqi Government began a month-long aerial spraying program at the beginning of May. Aerial crop spraying will control the spread of pest infestation in date palm, wheat, and citrus fruits, save crops from destruction and protect the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis dependant on the agricultural sector.

### **6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law**

The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 14 security detainees from May 3 through May 9 for various crimes including possessing illegal weapons and joining terrorist groups.

### **7. European Union Promises Assistance to New Government of Iraq**

On May 15, the Council of the European Union promised to strengthen EU-Iraq relations by continuing political dialogue at all levels and through the newly adopted assistance program for 2006. In response to Iraqi needs and requests, the EU Council stated that it is prepared to extend the activities of the Integrated Rule of Law Mission (EUJUST LEX) beyond its current mandate.

### **8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents**

Royal Marine Lieutenant General Sir Robert Fry, the top-ranking British military officer in Iraq, said in a Department of Defense news briefing that force alone would not be enough to bring results in the post-conflict situation that Iraq is currently facing, saying that "all we can do is hold the ring while politics and economics, the things that change people's lives, are being brought into play."



## [1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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### Coalition Raids Kill Known Terrorist and Al-Qaeda Iraq Members near Latifiyah:

- Coalition forces conducted a series of raids in the vicinity of Latifiyah (16 miles southeast of Baghdad) May 13 and 14, killing known terrorist Abu Mustafa and 15 other suspected Al-Qaeda Iraq associates and detaining eight suspects. Abu Mustafa was a weapons smuggler and wanted for his involvement in the shooting of an AH-64 helicopter on April 1.

### Coalition Forces Raid Insurgent Safe Haven in Yusifiyah:

- Coalition Forces conducted a coordinated ground and air attack against an enemy safe haven in Yusifiyah May 14, killing more than 25 terrorists, detaining four, destroying three safe houses and a vehicle loaded with weapons and ammunition.



## [2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

### Iraqi Tank Brigade Assumes Combat Responsibility in Taji:

- The Iraqi 2nd Brigade, 9th Mechanized Division assumed security responsibility for 150 square kilometers of the Taji area, including the cities of Saab al Bour and Hor al Bash on May 15. The Brigade is the only Iraqi unit to be equipped with T-72 tanks and BMP armored personnel carriers.

### 4th Iraqi Army Division Takes Charge in Kirkuk:

- 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 4th Iraqi Army Division (2/2/4) assumed responsibility for much of Kirkuk's battle space from the 101st Airborne Division's 2-327 on May 2. The "Nisser" Battalion, as the 2/2/4 is known, is recognized as one of Iraq's top units and achieved one of the highest graduation rates in the Iraqi Army.

### First Iraqi Soldier Earns US Army Ranger Tab:

- On May 7, Iraqi Army Captain Arkan became the first Iraqi soldier to complete US Army Ranger School and earn the coveted black and gold Ranger Tab. Arkan is returning to Iraq where he will pass on his skills to other soldiers.



## [2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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### Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~101,200
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~44,300
TOTAL	~145,500*

### Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~116,500***
AIR FORCE	~600
NAVY	~800
TOTAL	~117,900**

**Total Trained & Equipped ISF:**  
**~263,400\*\*\*\***

\* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

\*\* Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

\*\*\* Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

\*\*\*\* Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of May 15, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



### [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

#### Maliki's Cabinet Almost Finalized:

- Negotiators report that Prime Minister-designate Nouri al-Maliki is putting final touches to his new government and may be able to announce it as early as May 20, two days ahead of a constitutional deadline.
- Media reports that Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, Prime Minister-Designate Nuri al-Maliki, and US Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad held a meeting on May 17 to discuss the government formation after the Iraqi Al-Tawafuq [accord] Front and the National Iraqi List threatened to withdraw from the government. The meeting also came after the Iraqi National Dialogue Front rejected the offered ministries.



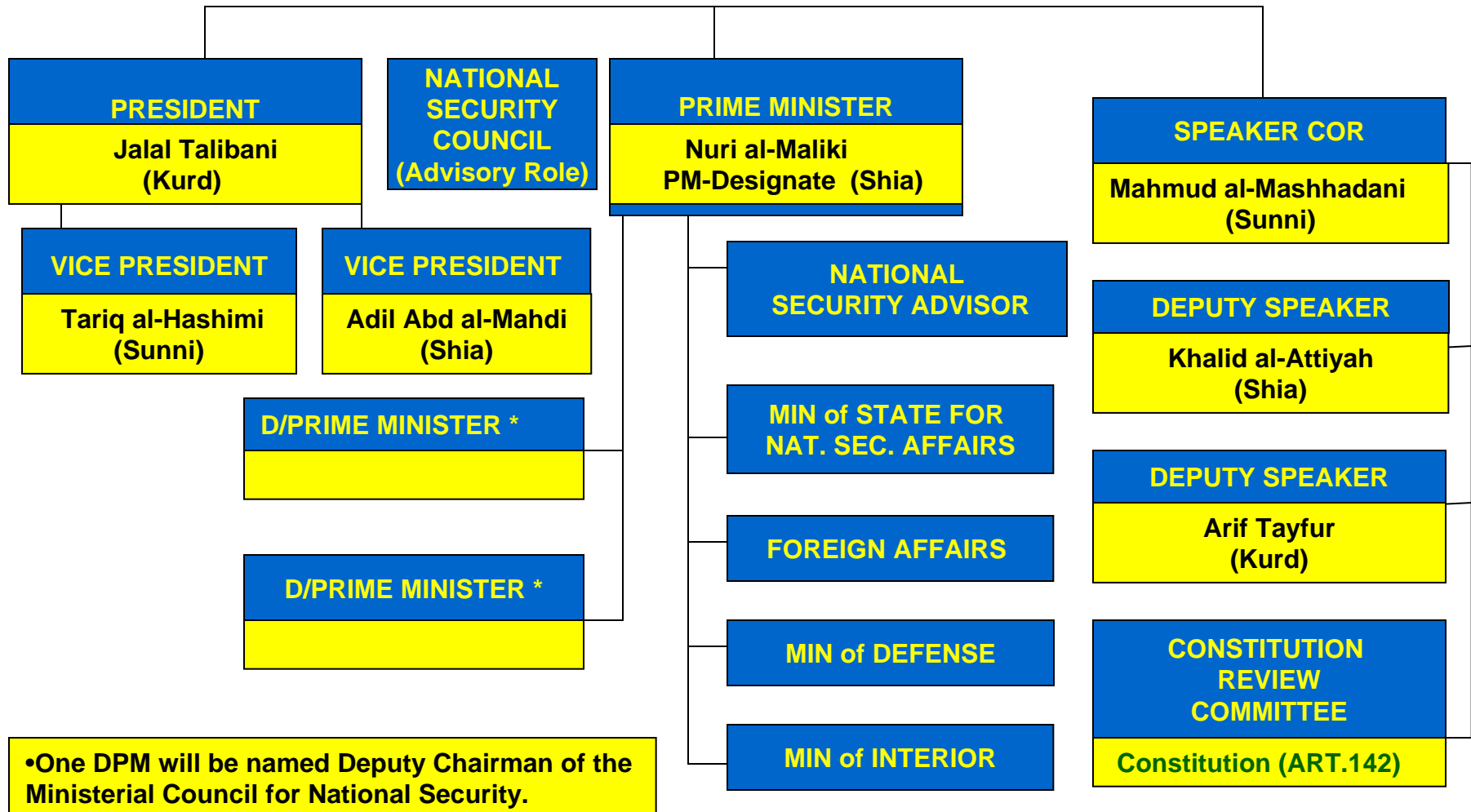


### [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Presidency Council & Office of Prime Minister**

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#### Executive Branch

#### Legislative Branch





## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

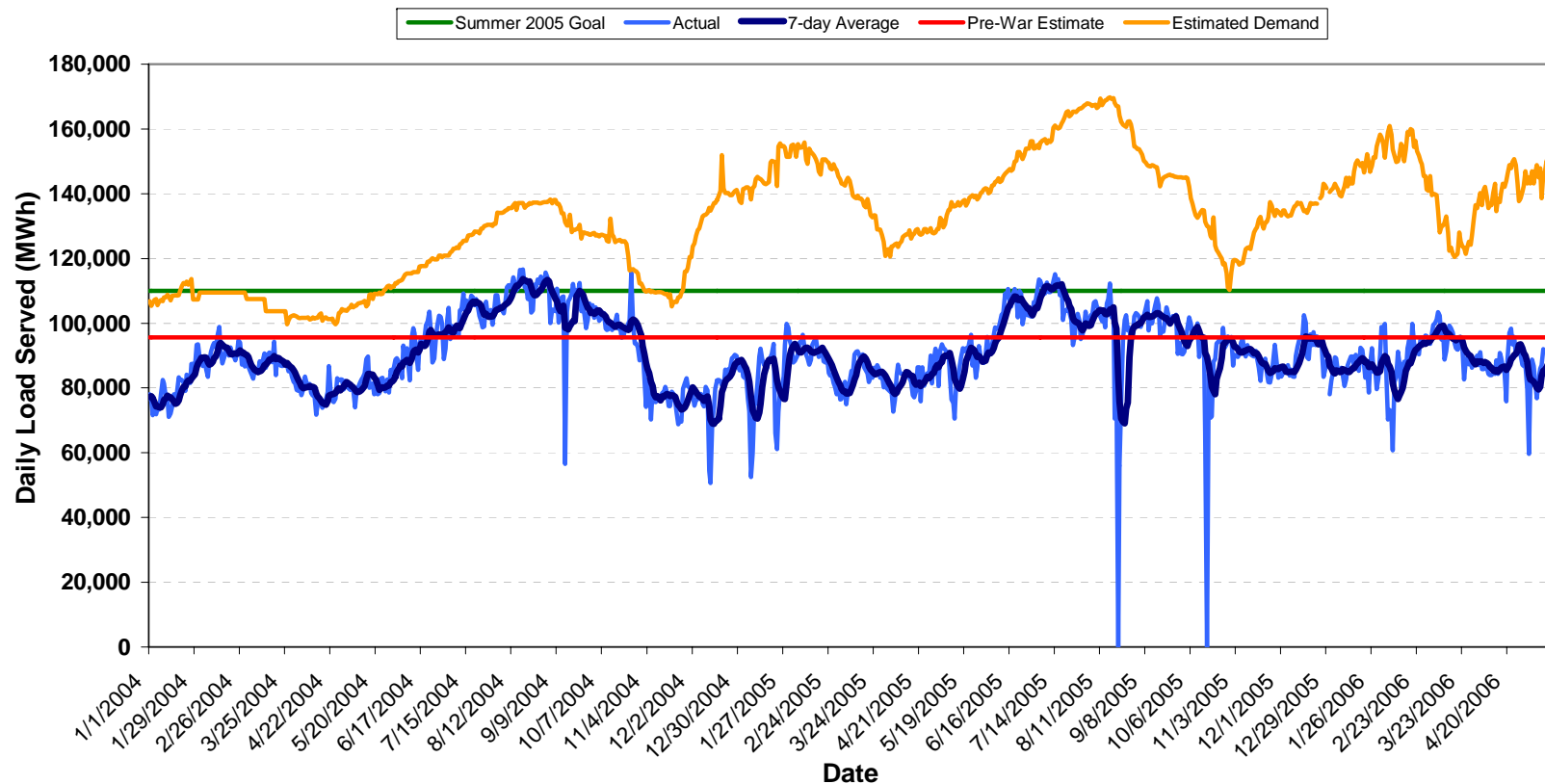
Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,036.00	\$5,036.00	\$4,927.94	\$4,936.37	\$8.43	\$4,897.79	\$4,904.19	\$6.40	\$4,490.01	\$4,494.39	\$4.38
Electricity Sector	\$4,220.02	\$4,220.02	\$4,032.14	\$4,023.01	-\$9.13	\$3,547.69	\$3,537.78	-\$9.91	\$2,168.91	\$2,195.49	\$26.58
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,735.60	\$1,735.60	\$1,688.65	\$1,678.35	-\$10.30	\$1,622.82	\$1,609.54	-\$13.28	\$914.30	\$933.08	\$18.78
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,315.95	\$1,315.95	\$1,254.57	\$1,254.74	\$0.17	\$1,212.32	\$1,214.61	\$2.29	\$835.30	\$836.17	\$0.88
Democracy	\$1,033.85	\$1,033.85	\$983.79	\$983.79	\$0.00	\$983.88	\$983.88	\$0.00	\$721.08	\$722.64	\$1.56
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$354.67	\$354.67	\$0.00	\$353.81	\$353.81	\$0.00	\$267.22	\$271.11	\$3.88
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.71	\$333.71	\$319.17	\$319.18	\$0.01	\$315.27	\$315.29	\$0.01	\$180.16	\$180.27	\$0.11
Health Care	\$739.00	\$739.00	\$719.64	\$719.79	\$0.14	\$673.87	\$664.94	-\$8.93	\$454.04	\$461.98	\$7.93
Transportation and Communications	\$465.51	\$465.51	\$443.99	\$445.87	\$1.87	\$421.96	\$422.76	\$0.80	\$265.99	\$272.53	\$6.53
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$1,857.97	\$1,872.04	\$14.06	\$1,585.40	\$1,590.45	\$5.04	\$1,008.17	\$1,016.80	\$8.64
Private Sector Development	\$805.28	\$805.28	\$788.87	\$788.87	\$0.00	\$782.39	\$782.39	\$0.00	\$636.00	\$637.70	\$1.70
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$101.19	\$101.19	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,439.00</b>	<b>\$18,439.00</b>	<b>\$17,583.83</b>	<b>\$17,589.11</b>	<b>\$5.27</b>	<b>\$16,609.64</b>	<b>\$16,592.07</b>	<b>-\$17.57</b>	<b>\$12,042.37</b>	<b>\$12,123.36</b>	<b>\$80.98</b>
IRRF II Construction			\$10,100.53	\$10,110.25	\$9.72	\$9,331.93	\$9,318.77	-\$13.16	\$6,274.49	\$6,321.12	\$46.63
IRRF II Non-Construction			\$6,499.52	\$6,495.06	-\$4.45	\$6,293.84	\$6,289.42	-\$4.41	\$5,046.81	\$5,079.60	\$32.79
IRRF II Democracy			\$976.49	\$976.49	\$0.00	\$976.24	\$975.70	-\$0.54	\$721.08	\$722.64	\$1.56
<b>IRRF I Total</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,406.60</b>	<b>\$2,406.60</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total IRRF I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$20,912.30</b>	<b>\$20,912.30</b>	<b>\$20,057.13</b>	<b>\$20,062.41</b>	<b>\$5.27</b>	<b>\$19,082.94</b>	<b>\$19,065.37</b>	<b>-\$17.57</b>	<b>\$14,448.97</b>	<b>\$14,529.96</b>	<b>\$80.98</b>

As of May 16, 2006



## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Electricity availability in Baghdad increased slightly in the last week (9-15 May 2006) with an average of 3.9 hours per day. Availability continues to be low due to poor performance by Baghdad area plants.
- Nationwide average electricity availability was also up slightly to 10.1 hours per day.
- Electricity output since the start of 2006 is 1 percent higher than it was for the same period in 2005.



#### [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Water and Sanitation**

##### Water and Sanitation:

- Construction was completed on the Dayer water network in Basra on May 3. The \$935,000 US Army project required installing more than 34 kilometers of pipe and associated fittings and fixtures to create a complete operating system. This project provides additional water delivery capabilities and a clean reliable water source for 80,000 Al Dayer residents.
- Working with local partners, the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) delivered safe drinking water to 1,600 people across 12 villages in Irbil. OFDA supported a local non-governmental organization (NGO) in building storage tanks, a chlorination unit, and three wells – as well as installing over 14,500 meters of pipe – to deliver safe drinking water to the 12 villages.
- The Rasheed Water Treatment Plant in North Babil was completed on May 5. The US Army \$223,000 project included the repair and refurbishment of an intake structure, sedimentation tanks, filters, air blowers and a disinfection system. The project will benefit more than 12,000 residents.



## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Health and Education**

### Health:

- On April 17, the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) held an avian influenza education campaign session. The ongoing campaign is led by physicians and is educating students on the history of avian influenza. Participants learn about the transmission, prevention, containment, and proper methods of treatment for the disease. Throughout the session, over 150 female students listened intently and asked thought provoking questions. At the end of the day, the students received USAID supplied handbills and posters to further community education. Avian influenza education campaigns are important for preventing the spread of the disease among fowl or to humans.

### Education:

- An Economic College in central Iraq received key equipment through the Iraq Transition Initiative (ITI). The grant provided 200 desks and chairs and 20 computers and software programs for students at the college.



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

### Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending May 12 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$64.09/barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$71.59/barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$71.74/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$66.04/barrel

### Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	%Increase on Week
<b>PCO</b> (Project and Contracting Office)	<b>29,944</b>	<b>29,944</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>USAID</b>	<b>63,307</b>	<b>48,272</b>	<b>-23.75%</b>
<b>AIRP</b> (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	<b>1,158</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>MILCON</b> (Military Construction)	<b>243</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>CERP*</b>	<b>9,787</b>	<b>9,787</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>MNSTC-I</b>	<b>9,015</b>	<b>8,408</b>	<b>-6.73%</b>
<b>IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>15,481</b>	<b>15,481</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>128,935</b>	<b>113,293</b>	<b>-12.13%</b>

\* CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

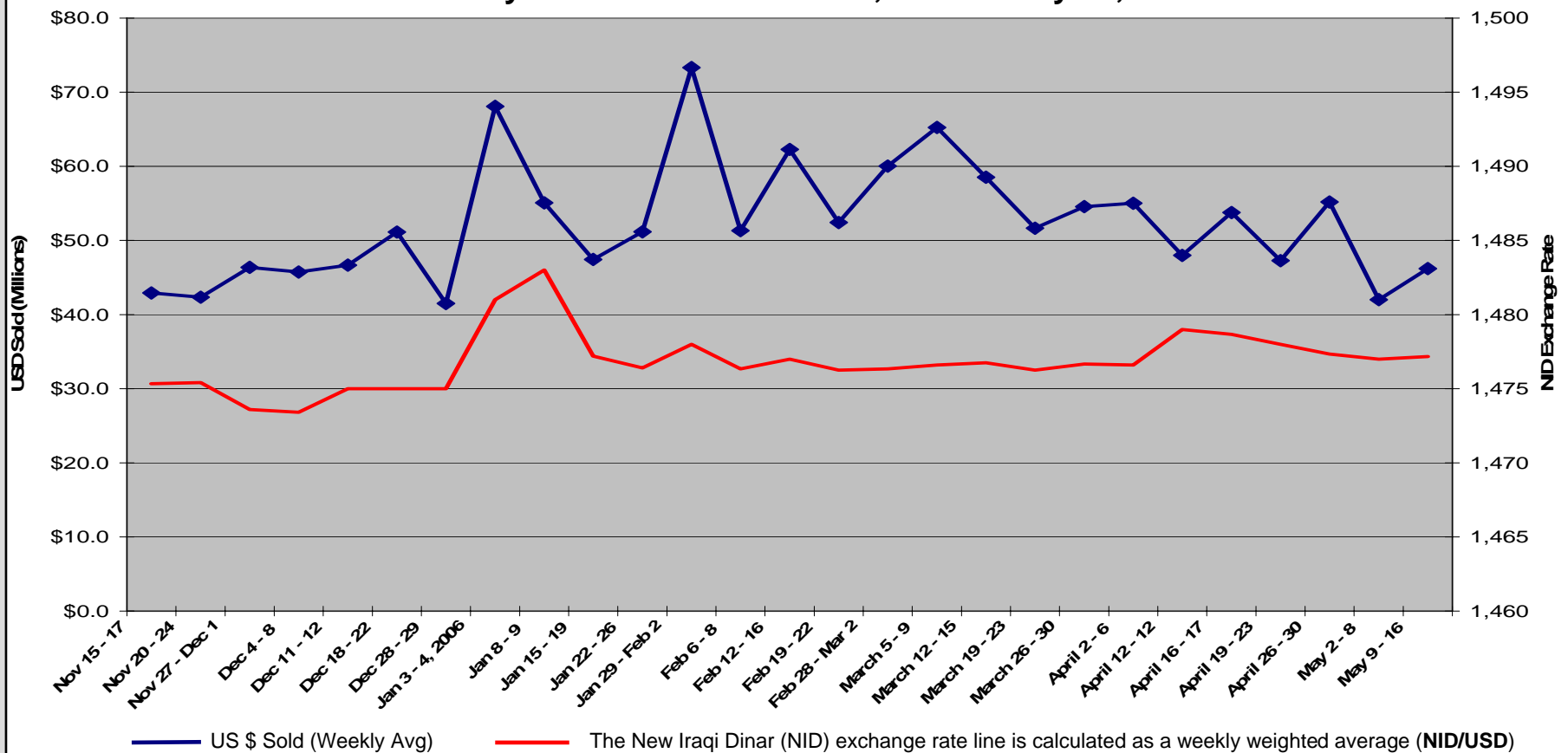


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

### Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since November 15, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD on May 16.

**Central Bank of Iraq**  
**USD Currency Auction: November 15, 2005 – May 14, 2006**



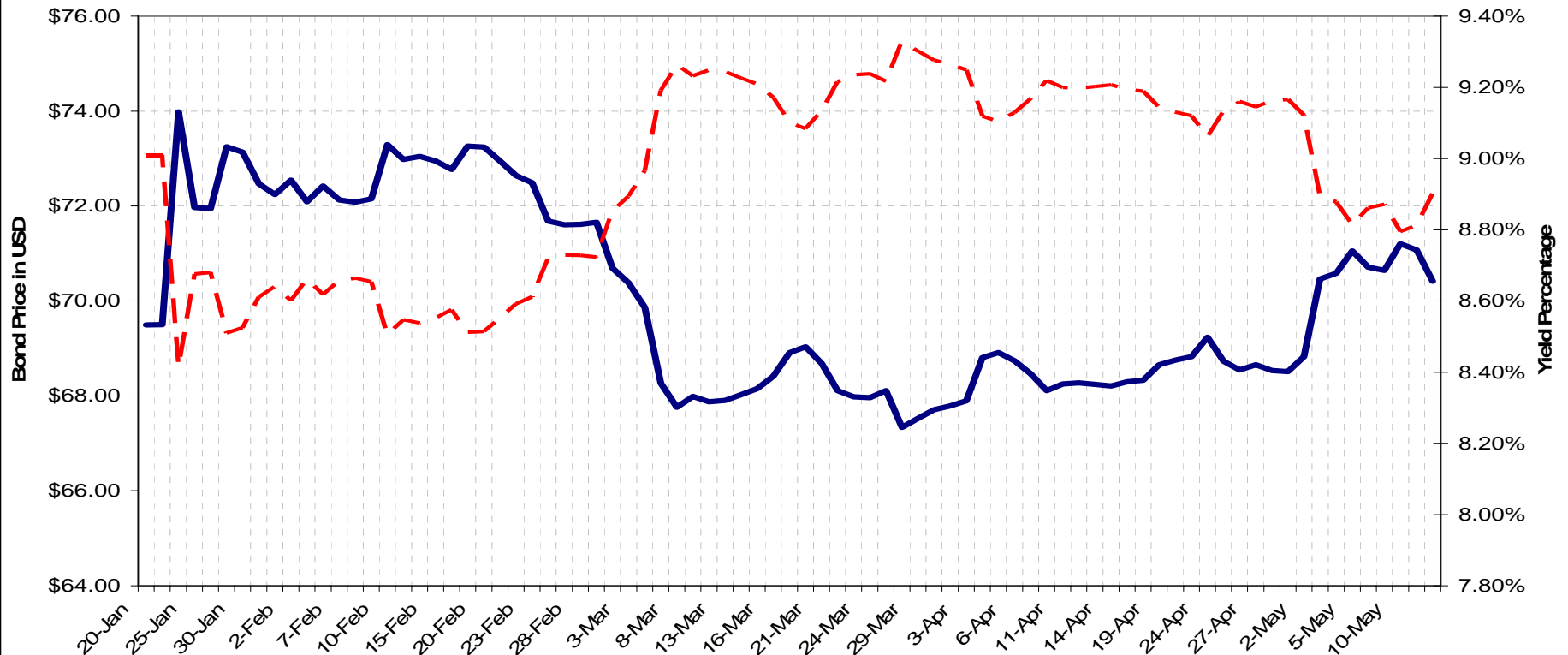


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

### Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds' current yield of 8.9 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

**Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales**  
January 20, 2006 - May 12, 2006



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$67.34 (March 28)

— Bond Price — Yield





## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – **Agricultural Sector**

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### Aerial Crop Spraying Program:

- The Iraqi Government began a month-long aerial spraying program that involves 12 civilian-contracted crop dusting aircraft applying pesticides to date palm trees in Baghdad, Najaf, Babil, Diyala, Wasit, and Karbala provinces and to barley and wheat fields in Ninawa and Dahuk provinces. Aerial crop spraying will control the spread of pest infestation in date palm, wheat, and citrus fruits, save crops from destruction and protect the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis dependant on the agricultural sector. Thus far, the government has sprayed about half of the 173,000 acres of date palm orchards it plans to spray.
- This year marks the first large-scale aerial pest control program undertaken in Iraq since the overthrow of Saddam's regime. Aerial spraying will yield increases worth millions of dollars, reduce Iraq's reliance on fruit and grain imports, enhance agricultural capacity-building and provide export earnings for the nation.



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Private Sector Development

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### Results of Rebuild Iraq 2006 Trade Fair:

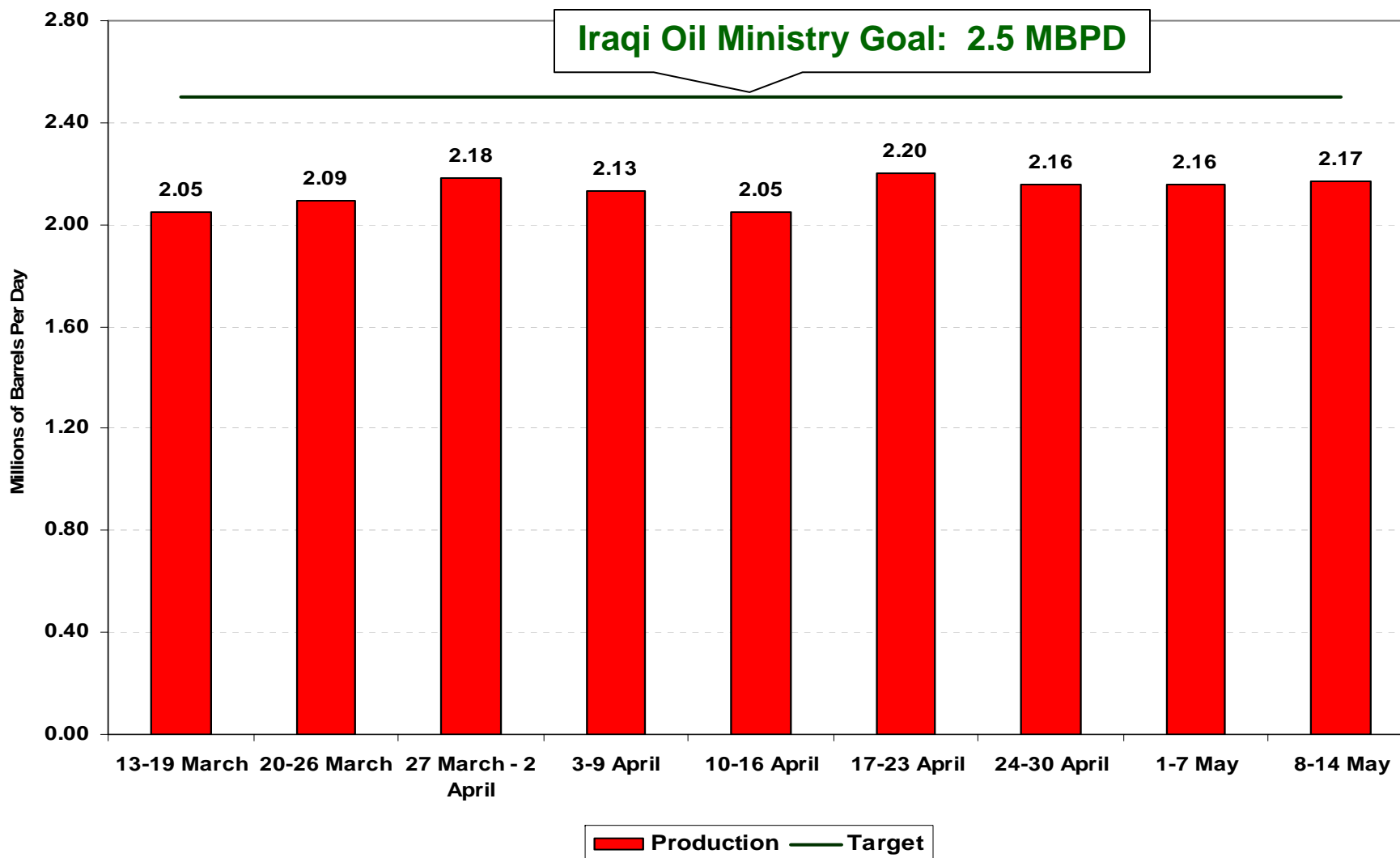
- The third annual event, held in Amman May 8-11, attracted over 1,000 exhibiting firms from 48 countries. Five of the 29 US firms present lined up a total of \$18.8 million in sales over the next year and concluded 57 agent/distributor agreements. The concurrent “Doing Business in Iraq” conference was also well attended with over 70 speakers, including Ambassador Khalilzad, two Iraqi ministers and one Jordanian minister. USAID’s Global Development Alliance (GDA) used the fair to announce a new Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Alliance that will partner top US ICT firms with Iraqi firms to develop the ICT field in Iraq.

### Debt Relief Deals with Australia and Czech Republic Signed:

- Australia and Iraq signed an agreement on May 11 implementing the Paris Club debt agreement for Iraq that will ultimately forgive \$856 million (80 percent) of Iraq’s \$1.070 billion to Australia. Also, the Government of Iraq announced on May 14 that it had reached a bilateral debt relief agreement with the Czech Republic. The agreement is comparable in terms with the Paris Club agreement and when fully implemented, the Czech Republic will forgive \$229 million of Iraq’s outstanding \$286 million debt. Russia is the only Paris Club member not to have signed a bilateral debt relief agreement. Negotiations are ongoing to reconcile the amount of Iraq’s debt to Russia.



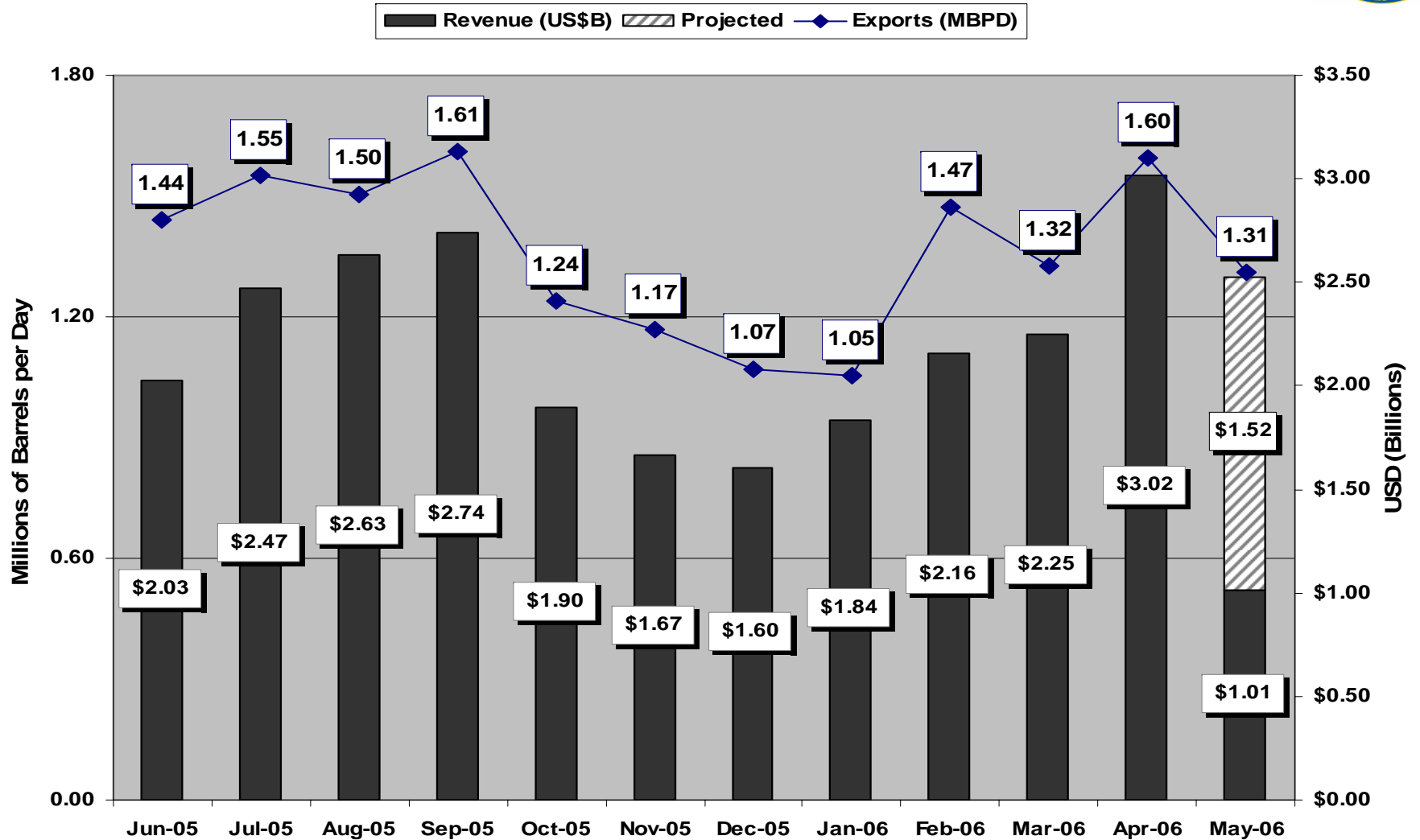
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (May 8-14) of 2.17 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



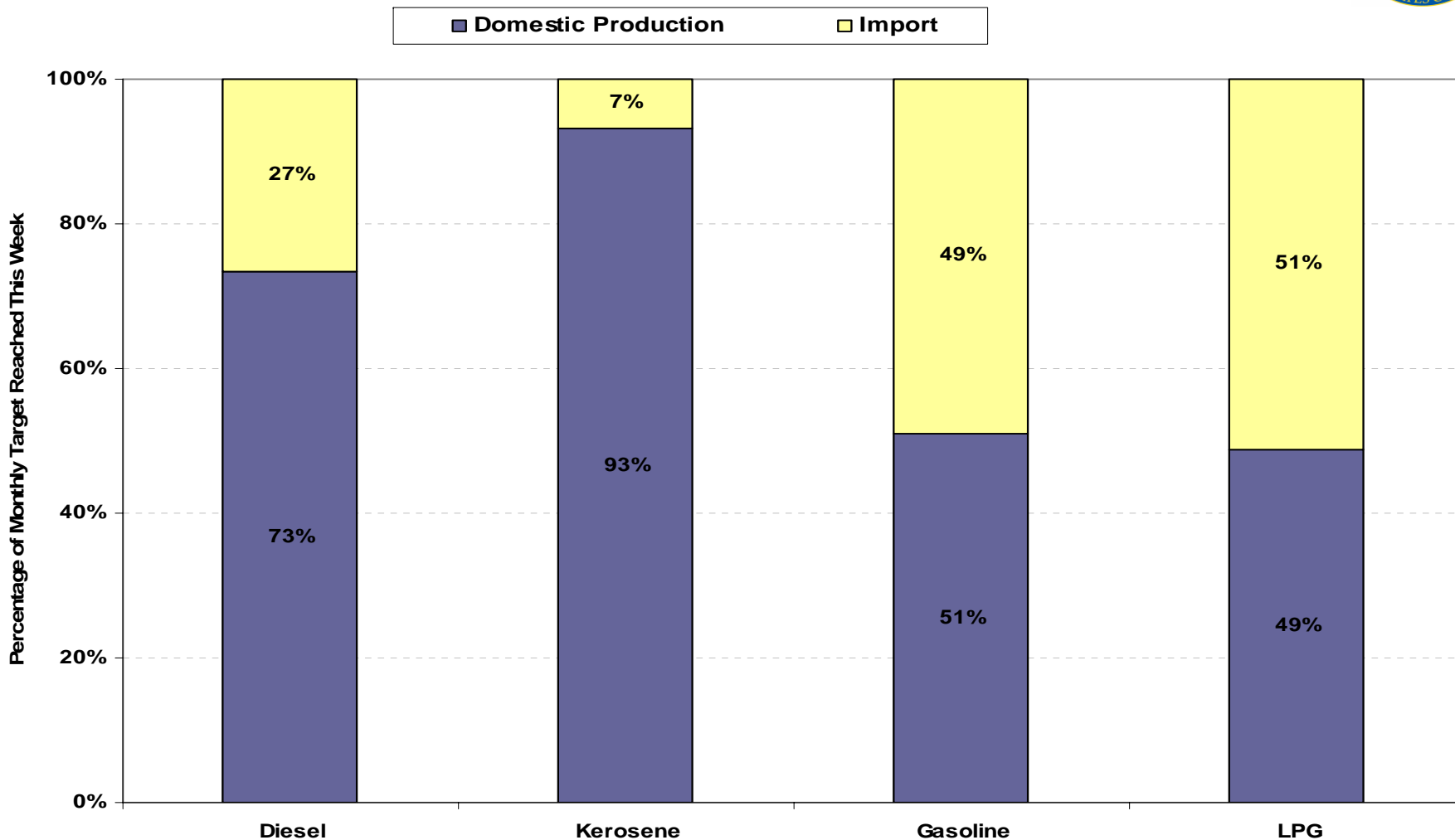
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$10.3 Billion (Year to Date)



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

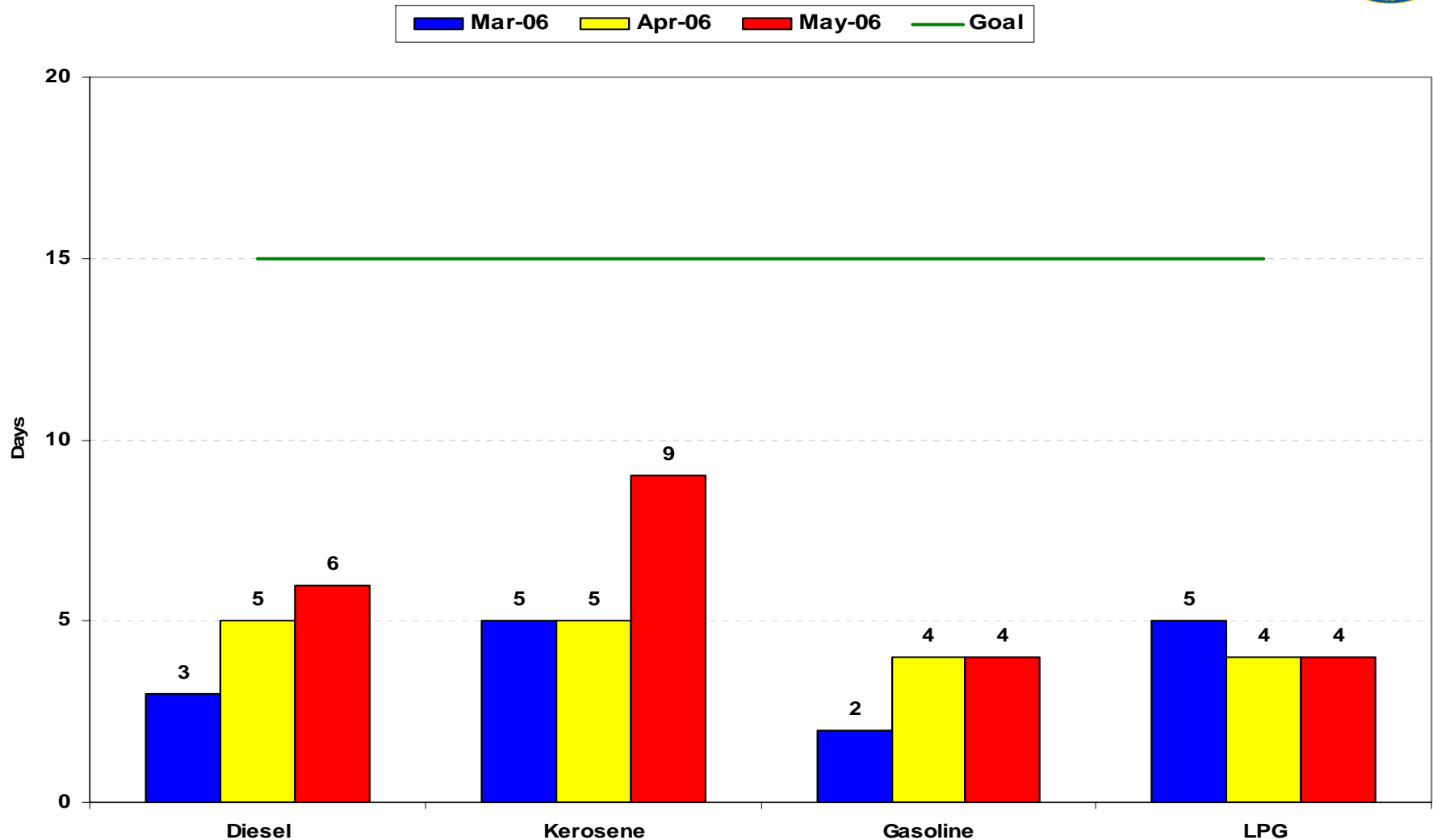


Note: This is a daily average for the week of May 8-14

- Diesel: 15.6 ML supply of 20.0 ML target
- Kerosene: 5.3 ML supply of 5.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 17.9 ML supply of 20.5 ML target
- LPG: 3,782 tons supply of 4,500 tons target



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels

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- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



## **[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System**

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### Detainees Released Following CRRB Review:

- Multi-National Forces - Iraq (MNF-I) released 151 male detainees from Theater Internment Facilities on May 15, following review and recommendation for release by the Combined Review and Release Board (CRRB). The Iraqi-led CRRB, which was established in August 2004, consists of members from the Ministries of Human Rights, Justice and Interior, as well as officers from the Multi-National Forces. To date, the board has reviewed the cases of more than 38,500 detainees, recommending more than 19,400 individuals for release.

### CCCI Convicts 14 Insurgents, Twelve Sentenced to Life Imprisonment:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI) convicted 14 security detainees from May 3 through May 9 for various crimes including possessing illegal weapons and joining terrorist groups. Upon conviction, all defendants are turned over to the Iraqi Corrections Service to serve their sentences. To date, the CCCI has held 1,053 trials of insurgents suspected of anti-Iraqi and anti-Coalition activities threatening the security of Iraq and targeting MNF-I. These proceedings have resulted in 948 individual convictions with sentences including the death penalty.



## [6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights— Iraqi Judicial System

### Saddam Hussein Trial Continues:

- The trial of Saddam Hussein and seven other defendants resumed on May 15 after a three-week break, marking the start of the final phase of the case against the ex-Iraqi leader. The trial began on October 19 last year and a US official close to the proceedings said Monday he expected a verdict by the end of July or early August. Saddam and his co-defendants could face the death penalty if found guilty of the killings of 148 Shiite villagers after a failed assassination attempt against the ousted dictator in Dujail in 1982.





## [7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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### European Union (EU) Promises Assistance to New Government of Iraq:

- On May 15, the Council of the European Union adopted several conclusions on Iraq during its External Relations Council meeting. The EU promised to strengthen EU-Iraq relations through continuing the political dialogue at all levels in accordance with the EU-Iraq Joint Declaration on Political Dialogue of 21 September 2005 and to negotiate an EU-Iraq Trade and Cooperation Agreement. Community assistance to improvement of basic services, good governance, and furthering democracy will be provided through the newly adopted assistance program for 2006. In response to Iraqi needs and requests, the EU Council stated that it is prepared to extend the activities of the Integrated Rule of Law Mission (EUJUST LEX) beyond its current mandate.

### 17 Countries Contribute to Iraq Trust Fund:

- Seventeen donors have pledged \$457 million to the World Bank Iraq Trust Fund (ITF) and deposited \$454 million in the ITF account as of the end of April 2006. Only \$2.5 million of existing pledges are not yet deposited (Qatar).



## [7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of May 17, 2006

### 28 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Singapore
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	South Korea
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Poland	UK
Czech Republic	Latvia	Portugal	
Denmark			

**TOTAL ~ 20,000 Forces**

\*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

**34 Countries and NATO\***  
(including US)  
**Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

\*34 includes the 28 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and as four NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Iceland, Slovenia, Turkey



## [8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

### Strategic Communications:

- Royal Marine Lieutenant General Sir Robert Fry, the top-ranking British military officer in Iraq, said in a Department of Defense news briefing that force alone would not be enough to bring results in the post-conflict situation that Iraq is currently facing, saying that “all we can do is hold the ring while politics and economics, the things that change people's lives, are being brought into play. And I think that my thesis will be tested, and then I hope vindicated, in the very near future, when, for the first time, we have a full-term government which will stand up, elected under conditions of full suffrage and regulated by an agreed constitution. And it is that point that I begin – that I expect to begin to see real change driven through Iraqi society. Our function, in the meantime, is to do no more than enable that.”



## [8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

### Strategic Communications:

- Speaking on the Today Show on May 10 in New York, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said that “I do think that Americans have concerns about how we're going to be successful [in Iraq]. I would just call attention to the fact that we really are in a new phase now with a new government, the first permanent government in Iraq's history, permanent free government. We have a lot of confidence in this government's desire to solve Iraq's problems and to do it in a way that provides for national unity. And I think you will start to see an Iraq that is more and more capable of dealing with its own problems.” She continued by saying that “I think what you're going to see is that you now have an Iraqi government that can speak for all Iraqis. At each of those stages before, we frankly didn't have, for instance, Sunni participation in a way that gave a chance for those who want to stop fighting, those who have resorted to violence, to really be a part of the political process. We now have that. We didn't have Iraqi security forces who could hold territory and take more responsibility for security. That is coming along. We didn't have an Iraqi government that really was devoted to national unity and that was permanent. Every other Iraqi government has been set up to do something else, either to have an election or to write a constitution, but not to govern Iraq permanently. These people now have that charge and I think they're going to execute it.”



## Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT)

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### PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

### Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from US and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.

### PRT Operations Status:

- PRTs have been established in Ninawa, Babil, Kirkuk, Baghdad, and Anbar province. The teams are comprised of representatives from the US Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners.

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